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19TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

Dr. Robert H. Rosa, Jr.
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Dear Dr. Rosa:

Thank you for your letter regarding your opposition to the FDA's proposed regulation requiring medical history interviews for all corneal donors. Your views on this issue are very important to me.

You will be pleased to know that I have sponsored various measures to support organ donation, including a resolution to grant the Congressional Medal of Honor to organ donors or their families. While I believe the federal government should encourage organ donation and do all it can to eliminate obstacles, the FDA is entrusted to ensure that organ or tissue transplants are safe. As you know, the FDA is currently assessing comments to their proposed rule. I have forwarded your letter to them for their review and consideration.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write. If I can be of any other assistance, please feel free to contact me again.

With warm regards,

Robert Wexler

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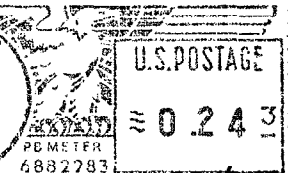
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